

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Final Office Action of April 13, 2006 and Advisory Action of September 5, 2006 is respectfully requested. Enclosed is a two-month Extension of Time with requisite Small Entity Fee (a first month extension having earlier been paid).

The Amendment is the second since receiving the Final Office Action of April 13, 2006 and the applicable arguments of the first Amendment of August 14, 2006 are incorporated herein.

Relative to the claims presented in the August 14, 2006 Amendment, all of those claims were indicated as being allowable or containing allowable in the Advisory Action but for independent claim 1 and its dependents 2, 12,16,20,21, and 33. The Advisory Action also noted that, in response to the incorporated arguments presented in the August 14, 2006 Amendment, claims 7-11 were considered to contain allowable subject matter and were objected to only due to their dependency on claim 1 (claim 7 depended directly from claim 1 with claim 8 depending from 7 and claims 9 to 11 on claim 8). The claim Amendments presented herein are the same as presented earlier but for the cancellation of claim 7 and the incorporation of the objected to claim 7 into claim 1 (and in view of the cancellation of claim 7 the dependency of claim 8 has been updated to depend from claim 1). The rejoinder of withdrawn claim 30, which relies on amended claim 1, is also requested. It would also appear that cancelled claim 23 has been inadvertently listed as an allowed claim in the Advisory Action. The present Amendment is thus considered to place all claims in immediate condition for allowance and thus favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

If for any reason the current claim set is not deemed in immediate condition for allowance the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to further discuss the case.

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO FINAL OA
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If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 034017R015

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